

# SAID ANSWER ON THE ARABIC DISASTER WILL SATISFY UNITED STATES

## BERLIN TELLS GERARD THAT CAPTAIN OF SUBMARINE HAS NOT SENT FACTS ON SINKING

Desire of Kaiser to Keep Friendly With American Government.

### CHANGE IN METHODS?

German Admiralty Believed to Have Partially Receded From Previous Stand.

Berlin, Aug. 25. (via London, 4:45 p. m.)—The American ambassador, James W. Gerard, called on Foreign Minister von Jagow last evening and asked for information concerning the sinking of the steamship Arabic. Mr. Gerard learned that the government had no official news whatever on this subject.

The only information which the government has is that contained in newspaper dispatches from abroad, which throw little light on the circumstances attending the destruction of the steamer. It is not even clear whether the disaster was due to a torpedo or a mine and whether, in case the vessel was torpedoed, there were special circumstances which impelled the commander of the submarine to attack the Arabic.

Until official advice has been received definitely clearing up points the foreign office will hardly be in a position to discuss the case or make any definite policy concerning the affair. Officials of the foreign office make it very clear that they have no intention of floating the United States or seeking to bring about a situation such as that dealt with hypothetically in the last American note.

### Ambassador to See Lansing.

New York, Aug. 25.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, remained in seclusion here today with his plans for the next few days undeveloped. He had received no further advice from Berlin bearing on the sinking of the Arabic, he said, and did not know when such word would be received.

It was within the range of possibilities, the ambassador said, that he would go to Washington to confer with Secretary Lansing before receiving further word from Berlin, but this would be, if at all, on Secretary Lansing's invitation. Unless he should receive such a request, Count Bernstorff said he expected to remain here temporarily. He probably would go to Washington, he asserted, as soon as he should hear from Berlin again on the Arabic incident.

### Communication to Be Satisfactory.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—President Wilson has been informed, unofficially from sources close to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, that the next communication from Berlin on the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic would be of a character satisfactory to the United States.

Coming close on the telegram which the ambassador forwarded to the state department yesterday by direction of his government declaring it was not the intention of Germany that any American lives should be sacrificed in the sinking of the ship, this development was regarded as indicating that Germany would make some proposal, satisfactory to the United States, respecting submarine attacks on vessels purely of a passenger carrying nature.

Officials are at a loss to conjecture what the German government will propose, but the assurances that there is every desire in Berlin to avoid a break with the United States has relieved the situation very much.

Heretofore Germany has contended that neutral lives could not insure a belligerent ship against attack, especially those carrying munitions. In its reply to the first Lusitania note, Germany proposed to designate certain

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## STABLE GOVERNMENT FOR HAITI PROPOSED

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—Secretary Lansing said today that the treaty the United States has submitted to Haiti, proffering 10 years' American control of Haiti's finances, had for its sole purpose the establishment of a stable government, which could be entirely turned over to the Haitians themselves. He added:

"We wish to prevent the Haitian people from being exploited by irresponsible revolutionists. These are not property revolutions, they are unorganized uprisings which involve no question of principles, and they are ruining the country. While they are in progress people are starving in the streets of Port au Prince. Something must be done."

The secretary added that of course the arrangement would have to be approved by the United States senate.

## IOWA'S VETERAN PRISONERS FREED

Frank and Nathan Rainsberger, Now Old Men, Released from Fort Madison Penitentiary.

Ansonia, Iowa, Aug. 25.—After having spent nearly thirty years within the walls of the state penitentiary here, Frank and Nathan Rainsberger, long known as Iowa's oldest convicts, walked forth to liberty today. After the conditional pardon, granted by Governor Clarke yesterday, the latter directed Warden McLanghry to arrange for the release of the brothers, now old men, early this morning.

The liberation of the men, convicted of slaying Enoch Johnson, the father-in-law of Frank Rainsberger in Hardin county in 1884, into the world, after imprisonment for so long, is the culmination of practically continuous efforts since 1905 to secure their release. It also is thought to be the closing chapter in one of the state's most famous murder cases. Nathan Rainsberger is 82 years old and Frank, 66. They were 34 and 27 years of age respectively when the supreme court affirmed their convictions. The pardon will become absolute after three years if the men are law-abiding.

The murder of Johnson, whose body was found on a public highway in Grant township, Hardin county, one morning in November, 1884, followed a long period of outlawry during which citizens of the vicinity had been terrorized. Johnson had been arrested on the charge of passing counterfeit money, and his release had been effected through a bond signed by the Rainsbergers. Immediately afterward, the testimony in the case showed, they began getting out insurance on his life until a total of \$16,500 had been secured. It was following this that Johnson suddenly disappeared, his mangled body being found later. It was a statement of Mrs. Frank Rainsberger which caused the arrest of the men.

Some delay in the release of the Rainsbergers was caused by the failure of the reformatory tailors to get their citizens' clothing finished. The warden said the brothers were reticent as to their future course, fearing that personal enemies believed to have been responsible for former failures to secure pardon "on frame up" circumstances against them with a view to obtaining their recommitment to the prison. It was stated, however, that they expected to go to the home of an aunt at Iowa Falls for the immediate future.

## CARRANZA STILL MUM OVER NOTE

Washington, Aug. 25.—General Remon Garza, Carranza commander at Laramas, Mexico, in response today to the Pan-American peace appeal, joined with his military associates in declaring that the proposal only could be answered by General Carranza himself.

State department officials said that General Carranza's response had not been received. A personal message from General Carranza denied reports that Villa troops had recaptured Durango.

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 25.—Sheriff Oscar Thompson of Hebbronville, Jim Hogg county, Texas, has requested Captain Ransom, commanding United States troops at Harlingen, to send soldiers into Jim Hogg county for protection against roving bands of Mexicans who, according to the sheriff, are stealing horses and threatening citizens in the eastern end of the county.

## INSTALLING EDISON SUBSEA BATTERIES

New York, Aug. 25.—The installation of the new nickel batteries invented by Thomas A. Edison by which it is hoped to prevent the escape of chlorine gas in submarines was in progress today on board the submarine K-4 at the New York navy yard.

Chlorine gas is one of the greatest dangers of underwater boats and many officers believe that it caused the loss of the F-4 at Honolulu several months ago.

If the batteries are effective the United States navy will possess the first underwater craft in which the danger of chlorine is eliminated.

### Three Dead; Family Troubles.

Perry, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Harry Crispin, 24, a farmer and living five miles from here, yesterday shot and killed his father-in-law, John Minner, and his mother-in-law, and then, after telling his sister-in-law of his deed and kissing his 2-year-old child good-bye, went into the yard and blew off his own head with a shotgun. Family trouble was the cause.

## City Leaders On Trial As Night Riders

Charges of Murder and Maltreatment Against Prominent Men of Hartford.

Hartford, Ky., Aug. 25.—The selection of a jury to try the cases in which 64 persons are charged with night riding outrages in Ohio county began in circuit court here today.

Some of the most prominent men in the county are named in the indictments. The charges range from maltreatment to murder. It is alleged that a number of men and women, including whites and negroes, recently have been taken from their homes and flogged. The regulators advanced as a reason for their action in once case that the victims lacked industry and thrift. The murder case is connected with the killing of a negro.

Reports that 20 persons called as witnesses in the case had been threatened with punishment if they testified in the trials and were barricaded in a building in Centertown are declared to be without foundation.

## BIG WAR ORDERS ARE BEING FILLED

Europe Really Just Beginning to Get Enormous Supplies of Arms and Ammunition.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—That a great part of Europe's enormous orders for arms and ammunition did not begin to move from the United States until comparatively recently was indicated by export figures issued today by the department of commerce.

The statistics, covering the 12 months ending with June, show that while exports of war supplies increased tremendously over the preceding year, the greater part of the increase—in some cases from one-fifth to one-third of the entire year's exports—left the United States in June. The 12 months' period showed exports of explosives valued at \$41,476,881 as against \$6,272,197 in the preceding year. More than one-fourth of that value—\$11,689,744—was shipped during June. Gun powder showed exports of \$3,334,549 in June compared with \$6,091,542 for the year.

Sixty-two airplanes were exported in June as against 152 for the entire year. In the preceding year only 34 were shipped. Nearly eight times as many automobile trucks were exported in June as in the entire year ending June 30, 1914. June exports of both passenger automobiles and trucks were valued at \$13,364,800 and for the year at \$60,254,435. In the preceding year they were \$22,554,574.

Figures for barbed wire, harness and saddles showed similar export conditions.

## ORDERS REVISION OIL RAIL CHARGES

Readjustment By Federal Commerce Commission Involves Increases As Well As Decreases.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Resignment of rates on petroleum oil and its products in oil loads from the mid-continent field, which includes refining points in Kansas and Oklahoma, was ordered today by the interstate commerce commission. Numerous railroads were ordered to establish new rates by Nov. 1. The readjustment involves increases as well as decreases.

The commission holds that the present rate of 17 cents a hundred pounds from the mid-continent field to St. Louis is too low and fixed 20 cents as a reasonable maximum, including all Mississippi river points north of St. Louis and south of Keokuk. Other new rates fixed are: Twenty-one cents to Keokuk and 22½ cents to all Mississippi river crossings north of Keokuk; 25 cents to Chicago and territory taking the Chicago rate, and to territory in western Indiana and eastern Illinois; but 30 cents to points north of Chicago to which Chicago rates on traffic generally from west of the Missouri river now apply, including Milwaukee and La Crosse; St. Paul territory 31 cents; to Winnipeg 33 cents added to the rate to St. Paul; Des Moines, Iowa, 20 cents from Kansas; and 22½ cents from Oklahoma; Omaha, 20 cents from Kansas, and 23 cents from Oklahoma; Sioux City, 25 cents from Oklahoma and 25 cents from Kansas.

The commission reaffirmed its approval of increased rates from Kansas refining points to New Orleans and other gulf territory. The decision dismisses all the numerous formal complaints involving the mid-continent rates, without prejudice, and denies all reparation, but the complaints may be again brought if railroads fail to establish the readjustment all along the line.

## BALKANS ARE NEAR STAND LONDON VIEW

But No Definite Steps Have Yet Been Taken for a Revival of League.

### MANY WILD RUMORS

Bulgaria Reported to Have Decided to Join in Forcing the Dardanelles.

Berlin, Aug. 25. (via London, 3:58 p. m.)—The Russian advanced positions to the southwest of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk were broken through yesterday by the Germans, according to an official announcement given out today by the army headquarters staff.

The advance was made by troops of Field Marshal von Mackensen. The statement added:

"The army group under Field Marshal von Hindenburg in successful engagements near Brest captured 750 Russians; General von Eickhorn's army advanced eastward, having captured 1,800 Russians; the army of General von Scholtz reached Beresovka, captured Knyazev and crossed the Narva south of Tykocin; the right wing of General von Gallwitz's army reached Orlianka and took 4,700 prisoners; and the army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria repulsed an attack in Bielskieska forest, capturing 1,700 prisoners."

"In the west we repelled attacks in the Vosges, capturing near Sondernach some french sections we lost on Aug. 17. We shot down a French biplane near Nieuport."

London, Aug. 25. (12:16 p. m.)—The Balkan states are unquestionably nearer determination of their future relations with the warring powers, but so far as has been announced officially no definite step has been taken in the direction of a revival of the Balkan league and its adherence to the cause of the entente allies. There was no confirmation today of various rumors which excited London yesterday, chief of which were reports that Bulgaria had declared war against Turkey and would assist in the attempt to force the Dardanelles.

The situation brought about by the sinking of the Arabic is still eliciting comment from the English press, which characterizes unofficial German explanations as inadequate, but interprets efforts to explain the disaster as evidence of Germany's realization that her relations with the United States have reached a serious phase.

The furious efforts of the Austro-German armies along the eastern front in the last 24 hours have not been as fruitful as usual in respect of the amount of ground gained, which in taken to mean that they have now reached the dreaded swamp regions. German and Austrian reports state that further advances have been achieved both north and south of Brest-Litovsk, and that the Pulva river line has been passed. Austrian cavalry has entered Kovel and is said to be advancing to the north, but the outflanking movement from this quarter will be confronted by the barrier formed by the river Pripiet and the adjacent marshes.

### Serious Obstacle Seen.

The German press, recognizing this difficulty points out that the armies of the central powers face a serious obstacle in the immense and roadless Pripiet swamps, while the leading Hungarian newspapers describe the tactical position of the Russians in this region as extremely favorable.

Another explanation of the pause in the Austro-German advance against Brest-Litovsk is that the invaders are being held up by continual rain and mists which hampers reconnaissance and artillery fire.

From the other fronts there have been reported no actions visibly changing the respective positions of the combatants. The English public, stirred by the large loss of life at the Dardanelles and Turkish reports of desperate fighting, awaits with keen interest official details of the operations there.

### Insane Over Frank Case.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Frank H. Phillips, said to have become insane through brooding over the lynching of Leo M. Frank, was sent to the asylum today. Phillips formerly resided at Des Moines, where he was connected with the Highland Park college.

### Alabama Defeats Suffrage.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 25.—A bill to authorize a vote in the next general election on a woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution was defeated today in the Alabama house of delegates.

## Airship Sinks Turk Vessel Paris Claim

Transport Ship Sent Down While at Anchorage in the Dardanelles.

Paris, Aug. 25. (2:40 p. m.)—A French official report on fighting in the Dardanelles between Aug. 20 and the morning of Aug. 25 relates that the British left wing made progress against the Turks, occupying 800 yards of a Turkish trench in the northern zone of the fighting, and that a French aviator on Aug. 20 was successful in sending to the bottom a large Turkish transport.

The statement as given out by the French war office this afternoon: "The period of five days since the resumption of the last communication on the Dardanelles has been marked in the northern zone by further progress on the part of the British left wing. These British troops have occupied 800 yards of enemy trenches."

"In the southern zone the operations have been limited to artillery actions and to fighting between patrols."

"During the night of Aug. 23-24 a French company was successful in a surprise attack on a Turkish position used by the enemy for listening purposes. In the morning of Aug. 25 a detachment of Turkish soldiers endeavored to recapture this position, but they were repulsed."

"On Aug. 20 our squadron bombarded with success a point of debarkment at Achabechellian, on the European side of the strait, to the north of Nazars. In spite of the violent fire of numerous hostile batteries, one of our aviators was successful in sinking at its anchorage, a large Turkish transport."

## SOCIALISTS SEEK PERMANENT REST

Berlin People Urging Closer Relations of European Nations—World Court is Favored.

Berlin, Aug. 25. (via London, 11:30 a. m.)—The socialist newspapers publish the results of conferences by the party's reichstag members and members of the party committee concerning the socialists' peace aims and summarize these aims as follows:

"Peace must be a permanent one, leading the European nations to closer relations."

"Germany's opponents must not be permitted to acquire any German territory."

"Most favored nation clauses should be introduced into peace treaties with all belligerents."

Tariff walls should be removed. So far as possible freedom of the seas should be established, the right of capture abolished and "narrowly important for the world's commerce" should be internationalized.

Austria and Turkey must not be weakened. Annexation by Germany of foreign territories is opposed, since it violates the rights of the peoples to self rule and will weaken the internal strength and harmony of the German nation."

Finally the party demands the institution of an international court to which all difficulties of nations may be submitted."

Dickson Awaits Developments.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 25.—Adjutant General Frank H. Dickson had not decided this morning whether to send troops to Murphysboro to prevent disorder at the trial of Joe Deberry, a negro ex-convict charged with the murder of Mrs. James H. Martin, his benefactor. It was understood General Dickson was awaiting word from Murphysboro concerning the actions of the crowd attending the opening of the negro's trial.

### Believe Ship Lost.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 25.—Officials of the United Fruit company stated here today that they virtually had given up hope that their steamer Marrowine, with 28 passengers and a crew of 68, escaped foundering in the tropical storm. They believe the Marrowine was sunk off the northern coast of Cuba.

### Neutrality Proclamation.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—President Wilson today signed a proclamation giving notice of the neutrality of the United States in the war between Italy and Turkey. The proclamation followed the lines of the others already issued.

### Food for Flood Districts.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 25.—Food and money have been sent from Little Rock to aid the flood refugees at Newport, who still are living on the second floors of their homes as the result of the recent rise in White river. Governor Hays today awaited a telegram from the war department at Washington giving him permission to send national guard troops to Newport. Reports from Newport today indicated that conditions there virtually were unchanged.

## ILLINOIS PASTOR IS SLAIN AFTER DELIVERING REMARKS DEFENDING GERMANS IN WAR

## CALHOUN LEADER SHERMAN'S FIGHT

Former Minister to China Announces His Will Direct Illinoisan's Presidential Campaign.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25.—William J. Calhoun, former ambassador to China and the man who won the Illinois delegation for McKinley in 1896 against apparently overwhelming odds, has become the general-in-chief of the republican forces which propose to nominate United States Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illinois, as the 1916 candidate for president.

Mr. Calhoun, in a formal statement issued last night, went far to the front for Sherman. He names Senator Sherman as "essentially a man of the people."

"It is fair to assume," Mr. Calhoun said, "that the republicans of Illinois will have a marked influence in the selection of the 1916 candidate."

"A number of worthy Illinois republicans," he continues, "are mentioned in connection with the presidency, but it is apparent that the larger part of the rank and file of the party turns to Lawrence Y. Sherman as the man upon whom that duty should be imposed and that honor conferred."

Coinciding with the announcement that Mr. Calhoun had determined to take the leadership of the Sherman 1916 fight, Sherman headquarters gave out a list of Illinois republicans as members of the Sherman campaign committee. Mr. Calhoun is to be the chairman, Edward J. Brundage is secretary, and Walter A. Rosenfield of Rock Island is vice president in charge of organization. All republican factions and many of the 1912 progressives are represented in the committee.

## FORTY KILLED IN AEROPLANE RAID

Outskirts of Constantinople Reported Bombed by Russian Squadron Two Days Ago.

London, Aug. 25.—Bombardment of the outskirts of Constantinople by a Russian aeroplane squadron, resulting in the death or injury of 41 persons, is announced in a dispatch from Athens to the Central News.

According to these advices the attack was made Monday on the Asiatic suburbs of Constantinople. A number of bombs were dropped, throwing the people into a panic. Thirty Turks, eight Greeks and three Armenians were killed or wounded.

Berlin, Aug. 25 (via wireless to London).—An official statement says that a hostile aviator last night dropped bombs on the town of Offenbourg, which is situated outside the zone of warlike operations. The material damage was insignificant. Twelve civilians were injured, several seriously.

Offenbourg is a manufacturing town of about 14,000 population, in Baden, situated on the Kinzig river, 17 miles southwest of Karlsruhe.

Amsterdam, Aug. 25. (via London, 3:20 p. m.)—The Telegraaf learned from Vlieland that a Zeppelin dirigible balloon passed over that island of the Netherlands today, traveling from an eastern to a northwestern direction. Vlieland is off the entrance to the Zuider Zee and in a northwesterly direction lies the northeast coast of England.

### To Wipe Out Typhoid.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—The public health service, announcing today a tremendous increase in the number of persons submitting to anti-typhoid vaccination, declared there was "no reason why typhoid fever should not be a rare disease by 1920." The statement added that it was estimated that in 1915 the total number of immunized persons in the United States would reach 260,000 compared with 160,000 last year.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday with probably showers Thursday, warmer tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 53. Highest yesterday 64. Lowest last night 52. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 4 miles per hour.

Precipitation in last 24 hours none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 73, at 1 a. m. 85, at 1 p. m. today 55.

Stage of water 5.8, a fall of 4 in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Rev. Kayser, Minister of Lutheran Church, Tolleston, Is Found Dead.

### HAD BEEN THREATENED

Sympathizers of Allies Had Warned Him to Desist in Pulpit Expressions.

Gary, Ind., Aug. 25.—Police obtained no view today to the murderers of Rev. Edmund Kayser, pastor of St. James Evangelical Lutheran church in Tolleston, a suburb, whose body was found bound near his church last night. He had been shot to death.

Although the murderers left no clue to their identity the police believe the preacher had been slain by anti-German sympathizers. He recently had requested police protection because of attacks on his outspoken advocacy of the German cause.

The clergyman was alone in his home when he was attacked and indications are that he was fired on from the yard. The house was in disorder and there were evidences of a struggle.

Rev. Kayser, whose home is in a community of Slav steel workers, a month ago appealed to Chief of Police Heintz for permission to carry a revolver, alleging that threats had been made against his life. Shortly after the start of the European war the minister is said to have become involved in heated arguments on the street with sympathizers of the allies. He is said to have been threatened with violence if he repeated his attacks on the enemies of Germany, and for several weeks thereafter the members of his congregation escorted him to and from his church. Letters written to local newspapers were attributed to him, although not signed.

Feeling has been intense in the community in which the minister lived. Rev. Mr. Kayser was born in Bavaria 40 years ago.

### Family Away From Home.

Members of Rev. Kayser's family were absent in Grand Rapids, Mich., the home of Mrs. Kayser's mother. Money and jewelry on his person and in the house were not disturbed.

Mr. Kayser was shot in the throat and in the breast. A cord, apparently twisted out of a lace curtain, was loosely wound about his neck and others were about his wrists. The police believe there were two or three assailants and that their first intention was to chastise the minister. He is believed to have been shot when he resisted, and his body then taken to a vacant lot nearby where it was found an hour or so later.

Tolleston originally was largely inhabited by Germans, but with the founding of Gary by the United States Steel corporation many Slav steel workers made it their residence and many more were employed at the tin plate mills at Tolleston.

### Another Theory Advanced.

A second theory of the motive for the crime engaged the attention of detectives today. This theory was based on intimations that certain members of Mr. Kayser's congregation did not approve of his conduct as a minister.

Bloodhounds were brought to the place where the body was found but they were unable to pick up a scent owing to the number of persons who had visited the scene.

Excerpts from threatening letters which the preacher turned over to the postmaster read:

"Before the leaves become green on the trees you will be stretched on the ground."

"Move away or dynamite will move you."

Neighbors were aware of the threatening letters but those seen by detectives today said they believed sentiment against the minister was on "private" grounds.

H. B. Snyder, postmaster at Tolleston, explained that several months ago Mr. Kayser turned over to him several threatening letters, all written in German, warning him to cease his relations with a certain Gary woman.

Postal Inspector John Hunter, according to the postmaster, questioned the woman, who denied the allegations made in the letters and urged Hunter to run down the person who was slandering her.

### War Worry Causes Suicide.

Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 25.—Worry concerning the war in Europe, coupled with sickness, caused Fred Clausen, single, 64 years old, to commit suicide this morning. He hanged himself with a piece of window cord and to make sure of his end, fired a bullet into his temple.